

**South Carolina Environmental Laboratory Advisory Council Meeting
May 22, 2002**

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am in the Cooper Room, DHEC State Park Campus.

Attendance

Cheryl Sommers Paul Carroll
Sam Avery
Frances Miller
T. John Williams
Charmaine Flemming

March 27, 2002 Minutes Accepted

I. Old Business:

- 1) ***Laboratory Certification:*** Wayne Davis, Director – SCDHEC Office of Environmental Laboratory Certification attended this meeting and answered many of the concerns of SCELAC representatives in attendance.

- The next edition of the LabCert Update will be available on the LabCert website by before the end of the month and hard copies will go out in approximately three weeks.
- This edition will address many pertinent issues such as PQLs, PT requirement changes, decertification changes, and online turbidimeters.
- LabCert budget: loss of 2 full-time equivalents (positions) and resignation of Amy Bennett has placed LabCert in a precarious position and changes are in the works to help this Office carry –out its duties under such a man-power shortage.
- LabCert will offer Mercury methods 1631 and 1669c certifications.
- Method 1669 is the sampling method for which training may be offered in the near future. This method redefines the concept of a clean room and data validation criteria may be evaluated differently using this method. (See document below)
- EPA document “Selected Office of Water Methods and Guidance, Version 2” is now available on CD-ROM. This CD includes the 1664 Oil & Grease method using hexane, and Mercury methods 1631 and 1669c. Wayne encourages laboratories to obtain a copy from website: <http://www.epa.gov/OST> or write to:

USEPA Office of Water
Office of Science and Technology
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W
Washington, DC 20460

-Wayne and T. also shared that the EPA ‘s positions on holding times, “should” vs “must”, and some other issues are changing. Look for some possible changes the future.

- 2) ***Microbiological Issues:*** LabCert will be sending a letter to the new EPA Microbiologist to obtain the continued justification for the Colilert weekly blanks, positives, and other micro issues.
- 3) ***New Representatives:*** Paul Carroll from the Savannah River Site (SRS) attended this meeting filling one of the two vacant federal laboratory representative positions. Loss of Mike Bailes and Alfred Baquiran have vacated two other positions. Other interested nominees will be contacted by e-mail by the secretary. Current vacancies: federal (1),

industrial (1), field/small municipality (1), and state lab (1) which may be filled by an permit writer or enforcement officer. SCELAC also encourages visitors to attend regular scheduled meetings. If interested, contact Cheryl, T. or Charmaine.

- 4) ***Guidance Documents:*** Wayne Davis conveyed his interest in SCELAC assisting in updating current guidance documents and adding examples of bench sheets to help provide additional assistance to the regulated community. Guidance will be made available on the LabCert website.

II. New Business

No new business was discussed at this meeting.

III. Adjournment